IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for processing a presentation of a time based stream of information, the method comprising:

A) providing a user interface having functionality to display only a single graphical representation of a time line including a plurality of references, each reference corresponding to a visual time based stream of information, each reference including one of at least two types of edit features, each edit feature including a description, wherein at least two of the references are to be positioned in a presentation, and wherein any time instant along the time line corresponds to at most one of the references positioned in the presentation;

B) displaying the single graphical representation of ~~a~~ the time line on the user interface;

C) displaying a reference with an edit feature on the user interface; and

D) dragging the reference over the single graphical representation of the time line to insert the edit feature into the presentation.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the edit feature is text.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the edit feature is a transition.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the single graphical representation of ~~a~~ the time line includes at least two references and wherein the reference with an edit feature is dragged between the two references.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the reference with the edit feature is by moving a reference to an edit box and inserting the edit feature into the reference in response to user edit commands.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the moving of the reference is by cutting the reference and pasting the reference over the edit box.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including editing the edit feature of the reference by selecting the reference and popping up an edit box automatically in response to the selecting.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including displaying another reference having an edit feature and in response to a user cut/paste command, cutting the other reference from a position on the user interface and pasting the other reference over the single graphical representation of the time line to insert the edit feature into the presentation.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the single graphical representation of ~~a~~ the time line includes at least two references and wherein the reference having an edit feature is pasted between the two references.

10.-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A digital processing system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory coupled to the processor for storing instructions, which when executed from the memory, cause the processor to perform ~~a method of~~ processing a presentation of a time line, the ~~method comprising~~processing ~~:(i)~~ providing a user interface having functionality to display only a single graphical representation of the time line including a plurality of references, each reference corresponding to a visual time based stream of information, each reference including one of at least two types of edit features, each edit feature including a description, wherein at least two of the references are to be positioned in a presentation, and wherein any time instant along the time line corresponds to at most one of the references positioned in the presentation~~;~~, the processing ~~(ii)~~ displaying the single graphical representation of ~~a~~ the time line on the user interface~~;~~, the processing ~~(iii)~~ displaying a reference with an edit feature on the user interface~~;~~, and the processing ~~(iv)~~ dragging the reference over the single graphical representation of the time line to insert the edit feature into the presentation.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the edit feature is text.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the single graphical representation of ~~a~~ the time line includes at least two references and wherein the reference with an edit feature is dragged between the two references.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the providing the reference with the edit feature is by moving a reference to an edit box and inserting the edit feature into the reference in response to user edit commands.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the moving of the reference is by cutting the reference and pasting the reference over the edit box.

21. (Original) The system of claim 16, further including editing the edit feature of the reference by selecting the reference and popping up an edit box automatically in response to the selecting.

22. (Currently Amended) A processing system for generating a presentation of a time-based stream of information comprising:

A) means for providing a user interface having functionality to display only a single graphical representation of a time line including a plurality of references, each reference corresponding

to a visual time based stream of information, each reference including one of at least two types of edit features, each edit feature including a description, wherein at least two of the reference s are to be positioned in a presentation, and wherein any time instant along the time line corresponds to at most one of the plurality of references positioned in the presentation;

B) means for displaying the single graphical representation of a time line on the user interface;

C) means for displaying a reference with an edit feature on the user interface; and

D) means for dragging the reference over the single graphical representation of the time line to insert the edit feature into the presentation.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the edit feature is text.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22, wherein the single graphical representation of ~~a~~ the time line includes at least two references and wherein the reference with an edit feature is dragged between the two references.

25. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the providing the reference with the edit feature is by moving a reference to an edit box and inserting the edit feature into the reference in response to user edit commands.

26. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the moving of the reference is by cutting the reference and pasting the reference over the edit box.

27. (Original) The system of claim 22, further including means for editing the edit feature of the reference by selecting the reference and popping up an edit box automatically in response to the selecting.

28. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium having stored therein a plurality of sequences of executable instructions, which, when executed by a processing system for collecting a time based stream of information and generating a presentation, cause the processing system to:

A) provide a user interface having functionality to display only a single graphical representation of a time line including a plurality of references, each reference corresponding to a visual time based stream of information, each reference including one of at least two types of edit features, each edit feature including a description, wherein at least two of the references are to be positioned in a presentation, and wherein any time instant along the time line corresponds to at most one of the references positioned in the presentation;

B) display the single graphical representation of ~~a~~ the time line on the user interface;

C) display a reference with an edit feature on the user interface; and

D) drag the reference over the single graphical representation of the time line to insert the edit feature into the presentation.

29. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 28, wherein the edit feature is text.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 28, wherein the single graphical representation of ~~a~~ the time line includes at least two references and wherein the reference with an edit feature is dragged between the two references.

31. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 28, wherein the providing the reference with the edit feature is by moving a reference to an edit box and inserting the edit feature into the reference in response to user edit commands.

32. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 31, wherein the moving of the reference is by cutting the reference and pasting the reference over the edit box.

33. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 28, further including additional sequences of executable instructions, which, when executed by the processing system, cause the processing system to edit the edit feature of the reference by selecting the reference and pop up an edit box automatically in response to the selecting.

34. -39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) A processing system for generating a presentation of a time-based stream of information comprising:

A) means for providing a user interface having functionality to display only a single graphical representation of a time line including a plurality of references, each reference corresponding to a visual time based stream of information, each reference including one of at least two types of edit features, each edit feature including a description, wherein at least two of the references are to be positioned in a presentation, and wherein any time instant along the time line corresponds to at most one of the references positioned in the presentation;

B) means for displaying the single graphical representation of ~~a~~ the time line on the user interface;

C) means for displaying a reference having an edit feature on the user interface; and

D) means for cutting the reference from a position on the user interface and pasting the other reference over the single graphical representation of the time line to insert the edit feature into the presentation.

41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 40, wherein the edit feature is text.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 40, wherein the edit feature is a transition.

43. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 40, wherein the single graphical representation of ~~a~~ the time line includes at least two references and wherein the reference with an edit feature is dragged between the two references.

44. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 40, wherein means for providing the reference with the edit feature is by cutting and pasting a reference to an edit box and inserting the edit feature into the reference in response to user edit commands.

45. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 40, further including means for editing the edit feature of the reference by selecting the reference and popping up an edit box automatically in response to the selecting.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the presentation includes a selector, the selector to cause the user interface to display a second single graphical representation of a second time line when selected, and wherein any time instant along the time line corresponds to one instant along the second time line.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the time line is a video time line.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the time line is an audio time line.

49. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the presentation includes a selector, the selector to cause the user interface to display a second single graphical representation of a second time line when selected, and wherein any time instant along the time line corresponds to one instant along the second time line.

50. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the time line is a video time line.

51. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 28, wherein the presentation includes a selector, the selector to cause the user interface to display a second single graphical representation of a second time line when selected, and wherein any time instant along the time line corresponds to one instant along the second time line.

52. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 51, wherein the time line is an audio time line.

53. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 40, wherein the presentation includes a selector, the selector to cause the user interface to display a second single graphical representation of a second time line when selected, and wherein any time instant along the time line corresponds to one instant along the second time line.

54. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer readable medium~~system of claim 53, wherein the time line is a video time line.